

GENERAL NEWS
OF INDUSTRIES

Two years ago, says the Record, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company made a survey of the flats from the main line above Forty Fort to a point near the Pettibone shaft of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal company, going diagonally across the Kingston flats through the lower end of the West Side park, the section where the stables now stand, still continuing down the flats to the island in the river opposite the Hillman academy. This week a rumor is current that the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company intends carrying out this project at an early date of extending their line across the river, to have a freight depot on their property in South Wilkes-Barre and of having a new passenger depot erected across the West Market street bridge, not far from the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern railroad. They propose to be close competitors for the passenger traffic and will make every effort to make the line between Wilkes-Barre and New York equal to any route now existing. The new branch that crosses the flats below Plymouth to their Auchincloss and Bliss shafts, now sinking near Nanticoke, is almost completed and runs into Nanticoke through the main line. As yet the streets of the new town by the shafts are not opened, over the hill from the Nanticoke company. The new shafts which are being completed will have the largest virgin coal area of any corporation in Wyoming Valley. It will take two years longer to have both these mines in operation.

A scene of activity was presented to THE TRIBUNE reporter yesterday when he visited the place of the disastrous fire, which occurred at No. 2 shaft in Forest City a short time ago. The boiler room is nearly enclosed, the dimensions of the building being 35x90 feet. A. E. Wheeler has charge of the carpenter work. Two new buildings, one for the hoisting engines and the other for the electrical apparatus, will soon be under construction. The size will be respectively 45 feet square, and 45x35. The re-timbering of the shaft has begun and will be finished as soon as possible.

The extinguishment of the fire at the Colorado colliery is considered by the Shenandoah Herald as one of the greatest achievements in the annals of mine fires in this country. Twenty years ago, and perhaps more recently, this fire would have been isolated as much as possible and left to burn itself out. This has been done in many instances and many valuable coal properties have been destroyed. Some are still burning. In the Colorado case, immediately after the discovery of the fire, the officials resorted to different water lines and fought the fire up and across the pitch, never yielding a foot of ground. The leaders and men determined to fight the fire to the top, who were mining coal and who may be unfortunate enough to have a mine fire, Heber S. Thompson, engineer of the Grand estate, and William A. Lathrop, general superintendent for the Lehigh Valley Coal company, spent all day Tuesday at the colliery and expressed themselves satisfied with the result.

The business depression of the past few months has been marked by the largest export trade of American manufactures ever recorded in the history of the country. The largest export of manufactured articles heretofore reported was during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1891, when the amount was \$163,837,315. The figures for the ten months of the present year have already reached \$153,305,294, which indicates a total for twelve months of \$184,000,000. This will be more than 20 per cent of our total exports against 10 per cent in 1893, less than 16 per cent in 1892, when the large export movement increased the aggregate volume of exports, and 19 per cent in 1891. The comparative figures for the ten months ended April 30, 1893, and April 30, 1894, show an increase in agricultural implements from \$213,491 to \$3,938,451; in cars for steam railways, from \$73,894 to \$1,612,809; in cotton cloths from \$7,806,350 to \$9,700,088; in scientific and electrical apparatus, from \$1,003,255 to \$1,259,099; in household furniture from \$2,493,290 to \$2,736,470; in books and printed matter from \$1,416,256 to \$1,778,890; in stationery and other paper goods, from \$1,410,333 to \$1,575,641; and in clocks and watches from \$910,093 to \$1,105,362.

MINOR INDUSTRIAL NOTES:

There is a general expectation that a settlement of the soft coal strike will be made today.

The Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill railroad contemplates an extension of its tracks into Drifton proper.

It is estimated that the recent washouts in Pennsylvania have caused a loss to the railroads amounting to \$2,100,000.

The casualties on all American railroads in April, 1894, were less than in any corresponding month for twenty years.

James McCrea, first vice president of the Pennsylvania company, is west, and will visit Chicago, St. Louis and Indianapolis before he returns to Pittsburgh.

During the year 1893 the railroads of the United States cared for 40,000 sick and injured, representing a system of surgery and medicine on 147,764 miles of lines.

The Erie (Pa.) Car-Service association has passed out of existence, the expense of maintaining it being greater than the revenue.

The Bethlehem Iron company has shipped two armor tubes and thrust shafts for engine 147 to Cramp's yards. The tubes weigh fourteen tons and the shaft tons.

Vice-President Osell, of the New England, 4935, "We have arranged to be supplied with fuel to run the road until July 1 by the use of Nova Scotia and anthracite coal."

The Reading Railroad company is taking active steps towards breaking up the practice of stealing coal from cars while passing through Pottsville. Several coal thieves have just been arrested.

The Cumberland Valley Traction company has purchased the franchise of the Harrisburg and Mechanicsburg Electric Railway company, and will construct the line which will connect Harrisburg with Carlisle.

The steel mill of the Bethlehem Iron company on Wednesday made 200 tons of the highest order of the Consolidated Steel and Wire company, of Allentown. This is the largest day's output since work on the order was begun.

The Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Railroad company has had a large plot

of ground staked off below the Drifton shops where a large depot, freight house and superintendent's office will be erected during the coming summer.

James L. Reese, of Centerville, who recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the collieries of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, at Centerville and Park Place, of which his father is superintendent.

Enckle's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Itching, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Matthews Bros.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, June 8.—Stocks were lower at the opening. Sugar fell from 106 1/2 to 104 1/2. There were realizations on a liberal scale in this specialty and in addition there was some selling for the short account. In the final transactions speculation was steady. Net changes show gains of 1/4 to 1 per cent. Sugar, 104 1/2; Manhattan, 1. The total sales were 106,000 shares.

The following complete table shows the day's fluctuations in active stocks as supplied and revised daily by Wall & Wall, stock brokers, 121 Wyoming avenue:

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Am. Sugar	104 1/2	104 1/4	104 1/2
Am. Tobacco	104 1/2	104 1/4	104 1/2
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